

March 12, 2019

The Afton City Council met in regular scheduled session at 6:30 PM March 12, 2019. Mayor Burger presided with Council members Sherry Parrott and Cindy Williams (via conference call), Mary Hill, Dave Cunningham and Jeff Burger present.

Williams moved to approve the agenda and Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Williams moved to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the minutes of February 12, 2019 meeting, report of the City Clerk/Treasurer and the following bills. Parrott seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,544.00
941 Payment	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Payroll Taxes	2,924.45
FNB	Gen-Safe Deposit Annual Rent	20.00
IPERS	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Retirement	1,931.49
Madison National Life Ins.	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-Mar Life Ins	43.53
MidAmerican Energy	Gen/Sr-Gas	279.81
Treasurer State of Iowa	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Feb Payroll W/H	526.17
Wellmark BC/BS	EB/RU/Sr/Elec-Mar Health Ins.	1,565.20
Afton Star Enterprise	Gen-Publications	169.02
Bomgaars	Gen/RU/Sr-Shop & Office Supplies	151.68
Brown Supply Co.	RU-Plow Blade/Tire Chains	1,259.80
IAMU	Elec-Annual Dues	2,258.00
JEO Consulting	Elec-New Electric Maps	1,200.00
Matura Action Corp	Elec-Kessler Overpayment Refund	56.78
Michael Todd Company Inc	RU-Snow Plow Markers	42.56
RPGI	Elec-Purchase Electricity	40,030.17
SIRWA	Gen-Water	38.00
SW Iowa REC	Elec-Parts & Labor	1,132.23
Terrinda McIntire	Gen-March Cemetery Contract	3,316.34
Verizon Wireless	Gen-Police Internet	40.01
Walmart	RU/Sr/Elec-Supplies	25.97
Wilson, Hanson & Assoc.	Gen-Legal Fees	54.00
Casey's Business Mastercard	Gen/Rec-Gas & Concession Supplies	140.86
Casey's General Stores	Gen-Gas	56.58
Fareway Stores	Rec-Concession Supplies	41.94
Jim's Sanitation	Gen-Garbage/Recycling Collection	5,164.85
MMIT	Gen/Sr/Elec-Copier Maint. Contract	34.74
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sr/Elec-Sales Tax	2,427.67
United Farmers Coop	RU/Sr-Gas & Truck Repair	486.85
Utility Fund	Mtr.Dep-LaPointe Final	165.00
Zach Grail	Mtr.Dep-Refund of Deposit	183.00
Mayor Payroll	Gen-1 st Quarter Payroll	461.49
Employees	Gen/RU/Sr/Elec-Payroll	4,054.10
Boyd Appliance Ctr. Inc.	Gen-Amana Range-Comm Ctr.	439.00
Card Services	Sr-Composite Sampler Battery	29.95
Hometown Insurance	Gen/Sr/Elec-Annual Ins Premiums	33,653.00
Madison National Life Co.	RU/EB/Sr/Elec-Apr Life Premiums	43.53

Matura Action Corp.	Elec-Trudeau Overpayment Refund	133.68
OmniSite	Sr-N&W Lift Station Wireless Svc.	552.00
Quill	Gen/Sr/Elec-Office Supplies	170.46
Southwest Iowa REC	Elec-IUB Inspection-Labor	511.50
Wesco	Elec-Parts T&S Upgrade	292.06
Windstream	Gen-Phone/Internet	299.35
TOTAL		\$ 110,950.82

General Fund	\$ 38,232.26	Road Use	1,906.12
Employee Benefit	6,328.46	Recreation	86.80
Sewer Fund	2,844.11	Electric Fund	52,145.48
Meter Deposit	348.00	Payroll	9,059.59
TOTAL			\$ 110,950.82

RECEIPTS:

General	\$101,591.93	Road Use	\$ 9,136.55
Employee Benefit	122.09	Emergency	19.80
LOST	7,015.36	Recreation	2,647.75
Sewer	7,877.22	Sewer Sinking	3,176.02
Sewer Reserve	20.16	Electric	84,785.01
Electric Sinking Fund	13,654.44	Meter Deposit	395.00
TOTAL			\$ 230,441.33

PUBLIC FORUM: No one present spoke.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council reviewed updated list of 7 nuisance properties. City Clerk mentioned piles of garbage on deck at 211 W. Kansas and will contact owner/renter.

Wi-Fi Center Project was discussed. SICOG submitted our Derelict Building Grant by 2/22 deadline and we are just waiting to hear back on it. If received, we will need to track all items that are diverted from the landfill during renovation. Hill mentioned 42 pounds of paper being recycled and doing a silent auction for items left inside by the VFW. Hill will run the ad and do the auction.

Brett Weis, Afton Fire Chief, was present to discuss the City vacant lot at 201 W. Kansas across from the Fire Station. The Fire Department is at capacity in their current building and has to store certain things outside. They are interested in building on this lot. City Clerk explained setbacks and what size building would fit on this corner lot. Weis thought the size would work for what they need to put inside. The lot is zoned residential so a special exception would need approved by the Board of Adjustment. The lot would stay in City's name, so a public hearing would not be required. Weis said it will be a while before they are ready since they will be applying for grants to help with the construction costs. Parrott moved to publish notice on plans to use lot for fire department and have public hearing next month. Cunningham seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Council received update from Mayor and Clerk on conference call they participated in regarding the possibility of getting fiber in Afton with Allo. Council also reviewed a proposal from

gWorks for their asset management software “SimpleCity”, annual subscription, easement layer, zoning digitization, annotation and GPS data collection with a first year cost of \$54,690 and annual fees each year after of \$4,800/year. Council discussed and would like more details on the fiber requirements and possibilities of them coming to Afton first before decided what we need to do to move forward so no decision regarding gWorks proposal was made.

The letter received last month addressed to GRMC, Afton and Lorimor from the Union County LEC Board regarding possibly determining funding contributions for the PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) was discussed. City Clerk contacted Rick Friday, County Supervisor, for an update as he sits on this Board. Friday said the Board received a letter from GRMC in response to their letter refusing to pay. At this time they have not moved forward and he will keep us posted if things change. Their next board meeting is 4/1/19.

Clerk Landers updated the Council on a call she received from Jim Thompson from Iowa Economic Development Authority regarding our application for their Community Catalyst grant. In order to receive funding you had to score a minimum of 30 points. Our application scored 29.7 and therefore our grant application for the Odd Fellows building owned by Jere Busenbarrick was denied. Since our score was close they did encourage us to not give up and forwarded the 3 reviewer’s comments that might help with future applications.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Union County Fair Association has completed an online liquor license application. It has been approved by their dram insurance and pending local authority approval. A few items are pending to complete the process including a sketch(s) of where alcohol will be served and allowed. Dan Stephens with the Fair Board talked to Clerk Landers and said they haven’t completely decided on locations yet. Hill moved to table and review at April meeting. Williams seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion was approved. Next meeting is 4/9/19 and license effective date requested by Fair is 4/15/19.

Council reviewed streets Sewer and Maintenance Employee Shade measured and estimated for asphalt. Due to the hard winter damage to streets Council would like to hold off on approving the asphalt street to see if more funds are needed for concrete repairs before approving all the asphalt. Clerk Landers will talk to Shade to see if he can get estimates for Council.

Parrott moved to adjourn and Burger seconded the motion. All voted aye. Council adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Michelle Burger, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Toni Landers, City Clerk